

## Unsuccessful Oil Search Proves Long-Term Bonanza

GODERICH, Ont. (CP) An unsuccessful search for oil a century ago has proved to be a long-term bonanza for this Ontario community.

Instead of the exploration discovered a vast bed of rock salt—the first major find of its kind in Canada.

Although the strike immediately turned into a steady revenue producer, it took the post-war demand for rock salt to control ice and snow to make salt mining a big-dollar industry.

Last year the mine, now operated by the Sifto division of Domtar Chemicals Ltd., turned out almost 25 per cent of the 4,700,000 tons of salt produced in Canada.

Total Canadian sales were worth more than \$30,000,000. For 95 years, the find was tapped by pumping water down through deep drill holes, recovering it as brine and then getting the salt by evaporation.

Today, following an \$8,000,000 investment seven years ago by Domtar, which bought the property in 1950, most of the salt is recovered through a highly mechanized underground operation, carried out a third of a mile under the surface of Lake Huron.

Three shifts of 16 men each can blast and load 5,400 tons of salt daily.

The property covers 2,700 acres, most under Lake Huron 110 miles west of Toronto.

**SALT FOR YEARS**

The bed of salt now being worked averages 79 feet in thickness. The company says it found five beds of varying thickness so reserves are estimated at enough to meet requirements for centuries.

Discovery of the salt beds traces back to 1866, shortly after oil had been found south of Goderich.

A company was organized that year by Samuel Platt—with a capitalization of only \$10,000—to explore for oil. He wanted to quit after going down almost 700 feet without success, but was persuaded to continue to the 1,000-foot level.

After completing 964 feet he hit the salt beds. Capitalization of the company was increased to \$14,000, it's name changed from the Goderich-Petroleum Co. to the Goderich Salt Co. and in September 1866 the first brine was recovered.

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## Memorial Stones Dumped At Sea

OTTAWA (CP)—Stones from a Halifax war memorial were committed to the sea to prevent their misuse, Veterans Minister Teillet told the Commons.

The memorial was carried out near Halifax Monday in a religious ceremony conducted by padre, Mr. Teillet told Michael Forrestall (PC — Halifax). Mr. Forrestall had asked earlier whether the stones had been "dumped unceremoniously" into Bedford Basin near Halifax.

The memorial, which commemorated Canadians in the army, navy and merchant navy lost at sea in both world wars, was torn down because the stonework had deteriorated. Attempts to restore the monument were fruitless, Mr. Teillet said. Work now is under way on a new one to go up at Point Pleasant Park in Halifax, overlooking the ocean. A new site was chosen because the weight of the old monument had affected Citadel tunnels beneath.

The new memorial—with a cross of sacrifice design—will carry an updated list in bronze of those who died at sea.

Filipino students, protesting police action in breaking up a demonstration during the recent visit of U.S. President Johnson, staged a follow-up demonstration in front of the U.S. Embassy.

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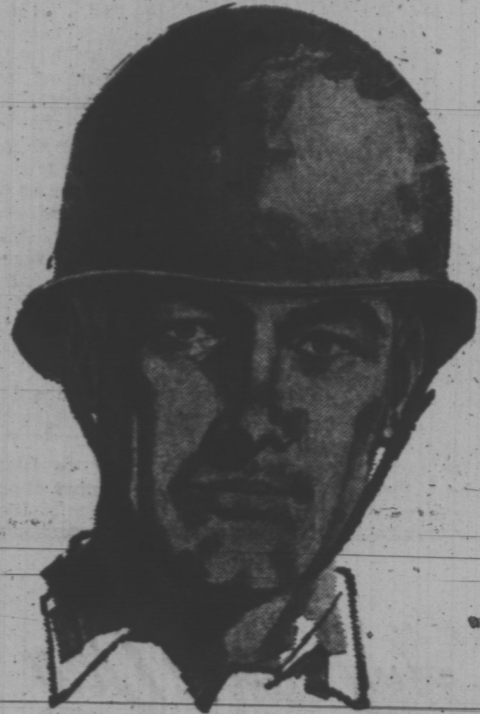
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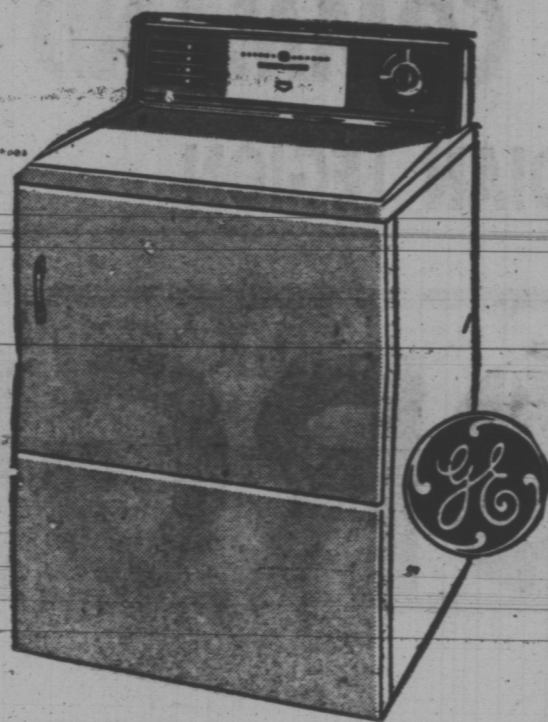
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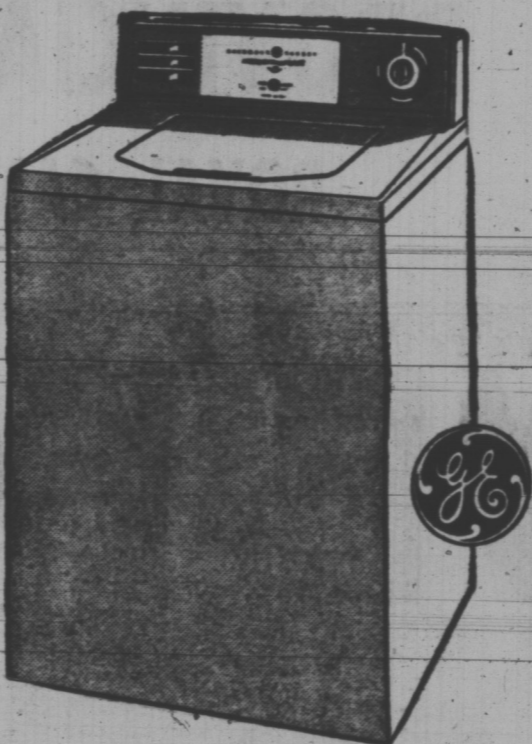
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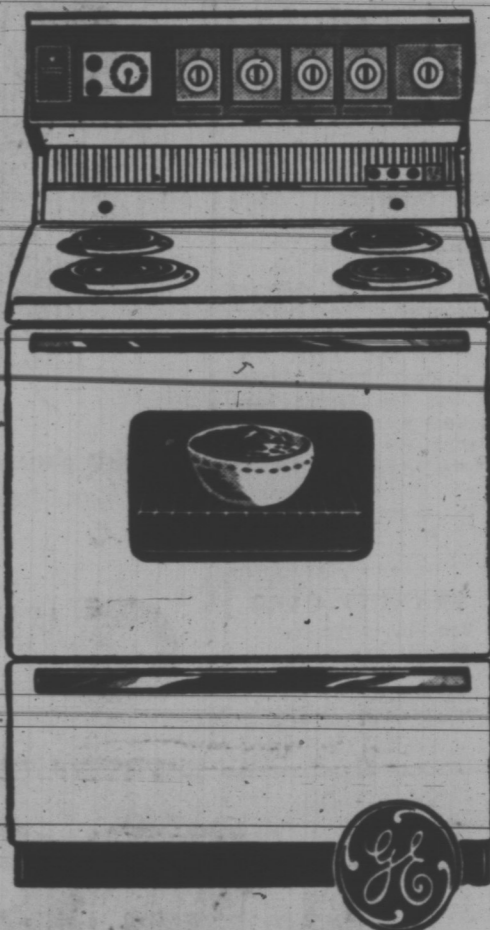


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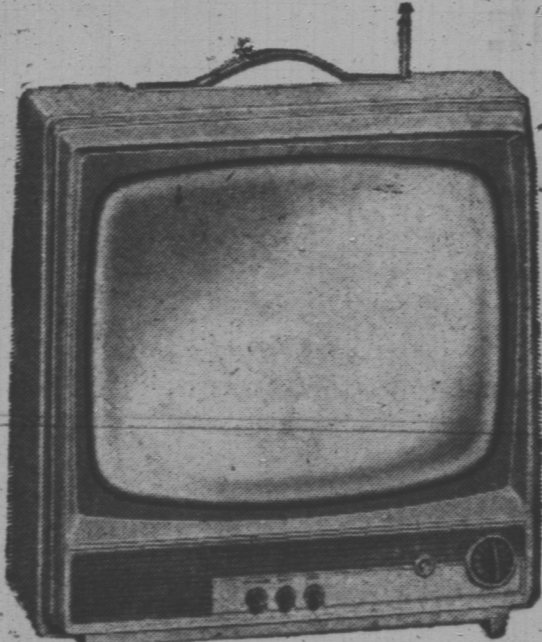
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